

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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April 29, 2019

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
TENTATIVE ORDER R7-2019-0018**

Staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has prepared tentative Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R7-2019-0018 for the wellfield mud sumps/containment basins located in the North Brawley geothermal resource exploration area, which is north and east of Brawley, Imperial County, California. Ormat Nevada Inc. operates the nearby geothermal power plant, known as the North Brawley Geothermal Power Plant, and associated well fields, and will be operating the exploration area. ORNI 17 LLC and ORNI 19 LLC are owners of the site. The wellfield mud sumps/containment basins are regulated as Class II surface impoundments under California Code of Regulations, title 27, section 20005 et seq.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board intends to consider adopting the tentative Order during a public hearing that will commence at the time and place indicated:

Date: June 13, 2019
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Hi-Desert Water District
55439 Twentynine Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept written comments regarding the tentative Order. The 45-day public notice period begins **April 29, 2019**, and the 30-day public comment period begins on **May 6, 2019** with the posting of the tentative Order and ends **June 5, 2019**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the tentative Order are requested to do so as soon as possible, but no later than **June 5, 2019**.

The Colorado River Basin Water Board has implemented an electronic records management system to reduce paper consumption and improve overall accessibility to records and documents. To submit comments electronically, please convert the signed original documents to Portable Document Format (PDF) and submit via email to RB7-coloradoriver@waterboards.ca.gov. Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a disk or USB and mailed to:

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Mailed, written comments may be sent to the address above. Written comments may also be faxed to the Colorado River Basin Water Board office at (760) 341-6820.

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that those persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing to ensure accuracy of the record. At the hearing, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will follow the Meeting Procedures found on its website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf.

Copies of the tentative Order are available on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's website at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Interested persons requiring a hard copy of the tentative Order should contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Hilda Vasquez at (760) 776-8950 no later than ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 or voice line at 1 (800) 735-2922. If you need interpreter services, please contact Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or via email Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 working days prior to the meeting.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Zakary Owens, Engineering Geologist, at (760) 776-8962.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.